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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03180-0285-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kunihiro MITSUTAKE et al.) Group Art Unit: 2857
Application No.: 09/931,916) Examiner: Baran, Mary C.
Filed: August 20, 2001)
For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND) Confirmation No.: 4340
COMPUTER PROGRAM OF)
SEARCHING FOR CLUSTERING)
FAULTS IN SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE MANUFACTURING)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of February 20, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$110.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	24	-	22	2	x \$ 18	\$ 36.00
Indep.	12	-	11	1	x \$ 86	86.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$290	-0-
					Subtotal	\$ 122.00
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	-0-
					TOTAL	\$ 122.00

A fee of \$122.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
 A check for \$232.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: May 20, 2004

By: _____


Frank A. Italiano
Reg. No. 53,056

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